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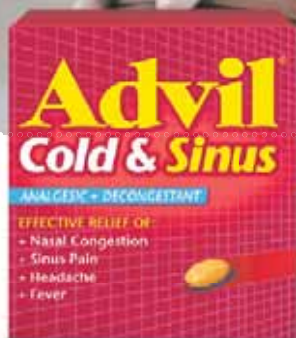
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## Toronto's own 'identity crisis'

URBAN DESIGN

**Expert says future  
of the city should  
be less car-centric**



**Luke  
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Toronto must overcome decades of car-centric planning to become a city of the 21st century, says the former director of architecture and urban design.

In the amalgamated city of Toronto, nearly two-thirds of people live in areas that, as Ken Greenberg puts it, "were designed around the automobile."

"Everything is connected by car. You're not meant to walk around," he said. "It's a different lifestyle."

But as more Canadians — particularly young ones — flock to major cities, that's changing.

Greenberg is fond of pointing out that a quarter of North Americans aged 16 to 34 don't have a driver's license. Millennials are moving beyond the automobile, he said, and cities like

Toronto need to catch up.

"Toronto is having an identity crisis at the moment. We're trying to figure out as a city how we move to a world where we're less dependent on the car," he said. "But the politics of that is complicated."

Case in point: The Gardiner Expressway. The city is spending \$1 billion to prop up its eastern stretch in order to save a small number of drivers two to three minutes a day.

Greenberg, who helped revitalize Regent Park and is heading up the new Under Gardiner project, says the private sector has been quicker to adapt to the return of urbanism than city officials.

"Developers who are being driven by the market are providing fewer parking spaces in new buildings, for example," he said.

"We used to talk about two spaces for every unit and now we're down in some places to one for every four units."

Greenberg urged municipal leaders to follow suit, lest they cede their authority to developers or "disruptive" companies like Uber, Airbnb or Google.

"The question is how gracefully we do it or how awkwardly and grudgingly."

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## CRIME

### Police investigate stabbing incidents

A man in his 20s is dead following a violent assault in Etobicoke, police have confirmed.

Police say they arrived at a site near The West Mall and Rathburn Road shortly after 7 p.m. to find a man suffering from apparent stab wounds and without vital signs.

The victim, who has not yet been identified, was pronounced dead on the scene.

Witnesses told police two men fled the area.

Police were also investigating an incident near Yonge and Gerrard streets on Wednesday night. Paramedics confirmed a man in his 20s had been stabbed and was taken to hospital in serious condition.

Police tweeted that one person was in custody.

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## TAXI INDUSTRY

### Council backs off Uber injunction

As taxi industry tempers flared, Toronto city council backed a move by Mayor John Tory on Wednesday to prevent immediate court action against Uber.

That motion, which directed city staff to seek a court injunction "under the appropriate circumstances," dialed back a push by pro-taxi councillors to push for an immediate ban against the ride-sharing company.

While some within the taxi industry hailed council's decision, saying a strong message needed to be sent to Uber, the move essentially gave staff the ability to do what was already within their power.

Despite Tory's intervention, the injunction issue isn't being put to bed, taxi industry representatives said.

"We are much relieved by this motion, even though the industry (does) not believe, even a bit, (this) mayor," said iTaxi

president Sajid Mughal following the 37 to 5 vote. "He's trying to drag his feet as long and as far as he can."

Mughal said a strike is still a possibility during the NBA all-star game later this month.

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City council also passed a recommendation from the integrity commissioner that Coun. Rob Ford be found to have broken the city code of conduct and be docked \$900, about equivalent to three days' pay. The move is in relation to Ford putting in his councillor newsletters an ad for a fundraising event to clear campaign debts for himself and his brother Doug.

# Kids Fest fires up future NBA all-stars

## BASKETBALL

### YMCA-run event features hoop stars, activities



**Gilbert Ngabo**  
Metro | Toronto

Joaquin Mallo knows he won't meet up with NBA idol Kevin Durant when all-star weekend takes hold of Toronto.

But, the 13-year-old Etobicoke basketball fan is fired up about the glimpse of all-star power he and others will get Friday at the Scarborough YMCA.

The NBA All-Star Kids Fest has been travelling the country since November and counts Toronto as its final stop — featuring stars like Isaiah Thomas, Antonio Davis and Morris Peterson.

Mallo, who dreams of playing in the NBA one day, is counting on the event as a chance to help hone his skills. He's already met Raptors stars like DeMar DeRozan and knows it's a big source of inspiration.

"It's great to see them and observe how they deal with situations. You learn so much as a kid just being around them," he said.

The event comes a week before the city's all-star party



Joaquin Mallo is ready to enjoy, and learn from, the big basketball events. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

kicks into full swing in the leadup to the big game on Feb. 14.

With Toronto playing host to the all-star game's first venture outside the U.S., a variety of events are planned.

NBA Centre Court will run Feb. 12-14 at Enercare Centre,

giving fans a chance to compete and interact with players. The all-star celebrity game is Feb. 12 at Ricoh Coliseum with Drake as coach. Parties with live music are also planned all weekend at Roundhouse Park.

Meanwhile, kids from the Scarborough area have been

taking to the gym to imitate some of the drills that will happen during all-star weekend.

"This is a chance to show these kids that if they follow their dreams, anything is possible," said Lorenzo Freeman, who runs basketball programs at the Scarborough YMCA.

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A city is really a giant R&D lab, full of trial and error.



Ken Greenberg, who knows all about urban Toronto, expressed disappointment about the future of the Gardiner when interviewed by an editorial panel in Metro's newsroom on Wednesday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

## Urban expert talks risk-taking, driverless cars, and the Gardiner



**Luke Simcoe**  
Metro | Toronto

Ken Greenberg's fingerprints are all over Toronto.

He was the director of the city's architecture and urban design department from 1977 to 1987 and has been involved in nearly every major urban revamp for the past three decades, from the revitalization of Regent Park to the new Under Gardiner project, which will reclaim 10 acres of public space beneath the controversial expressway.

Greenberg stopped by Metro on Wednesday to talk about everything from Toronto's complicated relationship with the car to why he loves the city so much.

### On the Gardiner

Greenberg was "disappointed" last year when council voted to maintain the expressway's eastern leg. But, now that we're stuck with the roadway, he wants to make the best of it.

The Under Gardiner project, made possible by a \$25-million philanthropic donation, seeks to take back a sizable portion of the public realm that was previously given over to cars.

"It's thinking about a piece of infrastructure that was built 70 years ago in a whole new way," he said. "I think it will play back to us the city that we are becoming."

### On John Tory

The mayor's support for maintaining the Gardiner didn't win him any points with

Greenberg, but his vocal support of the Under Gardiner project certainly did.

"People grow in office," Greenberg said. "I see John Tory finding his stride."

Along with "talking about evidence-based decision making" the mayor is "trying to bring people together."

"I see more and more evidence of him working towards that," Greenberg said.

### On self-driving cars

For an avowed cyclist, Greenberg has quite a fascination with self-driving cars.

He sees the impending arrival of autonomous vehicles as a kind of litmus test for cities.

One the on hand, they could be an excellent addition to public transit networks, he said,

helping ferry people "the last mile" between GO stations and their homes or workplaces. But on the other, he's concerned they could lead to a retrenchment of the private automobile. "That scares me a little," he said.

### On Toronto and the world

Greenberg has worked and lived in cities ranging from Paris to Amsterdam and Hong Kong, but he keeps returning to Toronto.

He believes Toronto has a lot to learn from other cities —

particularly in terms of shifting from "traffic" planning to "transportation" planning — but also something to teach them.

The city's "outstanding contribution," he said, is bringing "so many people from all over the world to live together."

Cities including Tokyo and Copenhagen look to Toronto as a model for integration, he said.

### On embracing risk

Greenberg's biggest piece of advice to Toronto is to be less scared of taking risks.

Many cities in the developing world, including Bogota and Mumbai, are bursting with pilot projects and experiments with new urban initiatives.

Toronto is moving in the right direction, he said, but remains bogged down by "layers and layers of regulation" and "ponderous and expensive" environmental assessment processes.

"A city really is a giant R&D lab, full of trial and error," he said. "We need to embrace that."



From the moment I came to Toronto, I've had this fascination with the city. It's not the most beautiful city, it's not the most perfect or elegant city, but the churn that's going on in Toronto, I just find it so endlessly interesting.

# CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADERS



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## 1 A few of his favourite (city) things



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### 1. Queen's Quay

Greenberg's preferred mode of travel is the bicycle, and he's thrilled about Toronto's expanding network of protected bike lanes, especially along the waterfront.

"I don't have to have my heart in my mouth when I bike," he said.

### 2. The Puente de Luz pedestrian bridge

When the CityPlace condo community was announced, Greenberg said he was prepared to criticize it. However, the area has defied expectations and become a thriving and diverse neighbourhood,

he said. The Puente de Luz (Bridge of Light) gives residents of that neighbourhood a walking and cycling friendly route into downtown.

### 3. Regent Park

Greenberg helped develop the master plan for the Regent Park revitalization, and you can tell he's proud of the way the project turned out. The intermingling of condo owners and people who live in community housing is "such a Toronto thing," he said, and the neighbourhood is complemented by features like Daniels Spectrum, the Paintbox Bistro and "the best swimming pool in the city."



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### 4. Evergreen Brickworks

Greenberg cited the Brickworks as a prime example of the "strange beauty" of former industrial sites. In particular, he's fond of the playground there that lets children play with aqueducts "and build little cities." He hopes to add a similar play area underneath the Gardiner.

### SKETCHING IT OUT

## GREENBERG'S UNDER GARDINER PROJECT



Asked to draw the ideal vision for the Gardiner Expressway, Ken Greenberg sketched an abstract version of the Under Gardiner project, which he is helping to design. He used different colours to show how it will connect different elements of the city from parks (green) to schools (yellow) and a proposed cultural hub along Strachan Avenue (purple).

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# Mild days kill more: Scientist

## RESEARCH

### The effect of temperature on circulation could be why



**Jessica Smith Cross**  
Metro | Toronto

Think another cold winter or scorching summer might just kill you? Think again.

Toronto scientist Ray Copes says moderate temperature changes on relatively mild days are killing the most people — literally.

Copes was one of two researchers who studied the correlation between temperature

and mortality for Public Health Ontario and Health Canada. They found that in Ontario, on winter days that got five degrees cooler there were, on average, seven extra deaths and on summer days that got five degrees hotter there were four.

But, it doesn't have to be that cold or that hot for the weather to be fatal. The temperature changes that were associated with extra deaths on winter days came on days when the average temperature was zero and on summer days when the average was 23 C.

The winter deaths stemmed largely from cardiovascular problems and the summer deaths tended to stem from respiratory issues, said Copes, an associate professor with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto and chief



**The results of Ray Copes' study on weather and mortality were released Wednesday, an unusually warm February day in Toronto with the high hitting 16C. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO**

of environmental and occupational health at Public Health Ontario.

The study didn't investigate causes of death, but other research suggests the underlying connection between weather and mortality is the effect temperature changes have on circulation.

Copes plans to study the impact slight weather changes have

on people who are homeless or don't have access to good housing. He expects to find they are most at risk.

"For most of us, when the temperature falls outside we're able to crank up the thermostat and we're able to maintain our homes at an adequate temperature — but there are many out there who aren't as fortunate," he said.

## GULLIVER

### Cat's long haul from Toronto to Calgary



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Sure, raccoons take the TTC, but a cat found in Calgary has high-tailed it out of Toronto aboard a long-haul transport truck.

The cat hitched a ride on an Alberta-bound Bison Transport truck and, three days later, the Russian Blue ended up in Calgary where, for the past month, Bison's property services crew has been caring for the stowaway.

Brent Kennedy, officially in charge of litter box cleaning, said it was a team effort to keep Gulliver, as he's now called, safe and fed.

Bison's dock proved too dan-

gerous for a permanent home.

Gulliver is in the hands of the MEOW foundation, where he's expected to go up for adoption after being neutered.

The cat — who didn't come in wearing tags — is likely a domesticated stray, Henry said, based on his temperament. Despite that, he's a sweetheart and a "big suck," Henry said.

Kennedy, meanwhile, might be in the running to take Gulliver in on a permanent basis.



**Gulliver**  
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## IN BRIEF

Supporters of pickup artist Roosh V had planned a Saturday meetup in Queen's Park where they would identify one another by asking for directions to a pet shop and move to an undisclosed location.

The meeting spot was

moved and information about what was originally planned for Queen's Park was incorrect in a Wednesday story.

Wednesday night, Roosh V's website said all meetups had been cancelled. METRO

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# Needs of refugees steadily growing

## SYRIAN CRISIS

### Government-assisted groups will face more issues: Analysis

As the Liberal government's target date to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees inches ever closer, a government analysis of those who've already arrived paints a sobering picture of the resettlement challenge ahead.

Data obtained by The Canadian Press shows that government-assisted refugees have more children, lower language skills and lower education levels compared with those being resettled by private groups.

Here's a look at what it found.

#### ■ Bigger families

53 per cent of approved cases listed five to eight

people on the application, raising concerns for the current housing crunch. It's harder to find apartments to accommodate that many people within available budgets.

#### ■ They're younger

55 per cent of approved applicants were 14 years of age or younger. Services directly targeted at children will need to be stepped up.

#### ■ Language barriers

67 per cent of approved applicants reported speaking neither English or French. In some cities, wait lists for language training are over a year long.

#### ■ Lower education levels

The report notes that many Syrian kids are a year or two behind their peers, putting new demands on the school system. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau greets refugee families who recently arrived in Canada at an open house of the Masjid Al-Salaam Mosque in Peterborough on Sunday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## INFORMATION LAWS

### 'Cultural' shift may open government

The Liberals' promise to pry open government requires nothing less than "cultural change" within the public service, warn documents obtained by Torstar News Service.

Treasury Board president Scott Brison was told in November there are significant hurdles to the Liberals' campaign pledge to reform access-to-information laws, make government information open by default and more effectively communicate with the public.

Documents prepared for Brison describe a federal culture of "limited disclosure, insular

policy making," which takes into account the "federal view only."

To implement the Liberals' ambitious democratic reform agenda, that culture will need to shift to one of "proactive release, engagement and connectivity (and) broad leadership on open government."

Trudeau has already made clear he wants to end the era of the federal government deciding and acting on issues unilaterally, putting an emphasis on meeting with provincial premiers and, on Friday, the mayors of Canada's largest cities.

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## IN BRIEF

### Man accused of sex crimes

An Ottawa man is accused of multiple sex crimes — including sexually assaulting young boys and girls over a period of several years beginning in the early 1990s. Dan Burgess — who has performed as Elvis Presley for more than 25 years — also faces child-pornography charges. JOE LOFARO/METRO

### Members of Canadian navy charged with drug offences

The Canadian navy says two members of a warship have been charged with drug offences by Japanese police. The charges follow a port visit to Tokyo by a Halifax-class frigate with a crew of about 250 personnel.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## HOME IMPROVEMENT STORES

### Lowe's offers \$3.2B for Rona

Following a long and sometimes stormy courtship, Lowe's Companies Inc. announced Wednesday that it has a deal to buy Quebec-based Rona Inc. for \$3.2 billion, creating the largest home improvement retailer in Canada.

The agreement provides for an all-cash purchase price of \$24 per common share and \$20 per preferred share (all figures in Canadian dollars).

The offer represents a premium of 104 per cent to Rona's closing common share price yesterday, and a 38 per cent

100%

The percentage by which the value of Rona shares shot up on news of the takeover, rising more than \$11 to \$23.41.

premium to its 52-week trading high \$17.36.

As part of the agreement, Lowe's agreed to headquarter the Canadian businesses in Boucherville, Que., maintain

Rona's many retail store banners, and enhance distribution services to independent dealers.

It also agreed to allow Rona to continue to employ the vast majority of its current employees and maintain key executives from Rona's leadership team and to continue Rona's local and ethical procurement strategy and potentially expand relationships that both Lowe's and Rona have developed with Canadian manufacturers and suppliers.

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## AUTOMOTIVE

### Toyota gives up on Scion brand

Toyota is killing its Scion brand after years of slumping sales.

Beginning in August, 2017 model-year Scion vehicles will be rebadged as Toyotas. The tC will have a final release series edition and end production in August, according to Toyota Motor Corp.

Scion was formed in 2003 to attract younger buyers. But there were multiple problems. The millennials held back on big acquisitions during the recession, and when they did buy, they were just as happy to buy Toyotas.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Scion brand was formed in 2003 to attract younger buyers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## COURTS

### PATH murder charge upgraded to first-degree

The murder charge has been upgraded against Rohinie Bisesar, the woman accused in the high-profile stabbing death of Rosemarie Junor in the PATH system. Bisesar, 40, now faces first-degree murder in the death of Junor, 28, inside a Shoppers Drug Mart on Dec. 11, 2015. The upgrade of the charge suggests police believe Bisesar's attack involved some element of planning and premeditation.

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ADVANCING GENERICS

# Insurgents kill child soldier

## AFGHANISTAN

### Boy, 10, had fought against the Taliban with militia

A 10-year-old Afghan boy who was declared a hero after fighting the Taliban has been shot dead by insurgents while on his way to school, officials said Wednesday.

Wasil Ahmad, who had fought the Taliban alongside his uncle on many occasions, was killed Monday near his home in Tirin Kot, the capital of the southern Uruzgan province, said deputy police Chief Rahimullah Khan.

The 10-year-old boy had been a local celebrity of sorts, with widely circulated photographs on social media showing him holding an automatic weapon and wearing a uniform and helmet.



Wasil Ahmad TWITTER

The use of child soldiers is illegal in Afghanistan, but the charity Child Soldiers International said both government forces and insurgents have been recruiting minors for years.

"There is a lack of political will to address this issue, and while it's within the framework of overall human rights violations, there is a specific commitment by the government to clean it up but sufficient measures are not being taken," said Charu Lata Hogg, the organization's policy and advocacy director.

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**MIGRANTS 'THIS, ABOVE ALL, TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE'** The words from Shakespeare's Hamlet rang out on the most unlikely stage on Wednesday — a squalid migrant camp in the French port of Calais, known locally as the "jungle." Up to 300 people bundled against the cold to watch the outdoor show on a wooden stage beside the small Good Chance theatre, set up last fall to help fill the void for displaced residents. THIBAUT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## HEALTH

### Heat helps spread of Zika virus

In its brief lifespan, the mosquito that carries the Zika virus is caught in a race: Will it pass the disease to humans before it dies?

"With higher temperatures you have more mosquitoes feeding more frequently and having a greater chance of acquiring infection," said Bill Reisen of the University of California Davis.

In general, mosquitoes don't live long, maybe 10 to 12 days, said Tom Scott, a University of California Davis professor of both entomology and epidemiology.

He says warm air incubates the virus faster and gives mosquitos more time to spread the disease.

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The agency responsible for most of Canada's blood supply says people who have travelled outside of Canada, the continental United States and Europe will be ineligible to give blood for 21 days after their return. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE POLITICS OF OILSANDS



**If Trudeau cannot get along with Rachel Notley, he is unlikely to get along with any Alberta government. But ... the real test of their relationship will be the resolution of the pipeline file.**

Kudos to Justin Trudeau and Alberta's Rachel Notley for taking the time to talk face-to-face about the province's economic challenges on Wednesday. The Liberal prime minister has a compelling interest in keeping the channels open with the NDP premier.

If Trudeau can't get along with Notley, he is unlikely to get along with any Alberta government. Her two top advisers — Richard Dicerri on the public-service side and Brian Topp in the more political role of chief-of-staff — know the federal capital inside out and have worked with the federal Liberals in the past.

Dicerri served in a senior role in the unity backrooms of Pierre Trudeau's government at the time of the 1980 Quebec referendum. Topp was Jack Layton's lead negotiator in the talks that led to the 2008 Liberal-NDP coalition accord.

But while the prime minister can offer Notley some financial relief in the upcoming federal budget, the real test of their relationship will be the resolution of the pipeline file and the fate of Alberta's efforts to connect the oilsands to tidewater.

It is by far the most contentious issue on the federal-provincial radar. Yet, this is one national discussion that is unlikely to be resolved between first ministers. To date, the lead players in the debate have mostly been municipal

politicians.

Here are a few of them: Joanne Monaghan was the mayor of Kitimat, B.C., on whose watch a plebiscite was held on the Northern Gateway pipeline in 2014. As the end point for the pipeline bringing oil from Alberta, Kitimat would be home to a marine terminal where tankers would load up. Almost 60 per cent of her constituents voted no, driving another nail in the coffin of the moribund \$6.5-billion Enbridge project.

Derek Corrigan is the mayor of Burnaby, B.C. The Trans Mountain pipeline runs through the city, and its corporate owner, Kinder Morgan, wants to triple its capacity. Corrigan is hardly the only Vancouver-area mayor to oppose the pipeline but he is one of the most vocal. Last May, he told a community meeting he

was prepared to be arrested and see his political career come to an end to stop the project. He called last week's federal announcement of an expanded consultation process and an extended approval timeline a disappointment.

Marc Demers is the mayor of Laval, Quebec's third-largest city, and one of 82 Montreal-area municipal leaders who came out against the Energy East pipeline. While most Canadians see Denis Coderre as the face of the region's opposition to TransCanada's current plans, Demers has been campaigning hard against the pipeline since early last fall.

Gilles Lehouillier is the mayor of Lévis, across from Quebec City. He turned down TransCanada's plan to locate a terminal for the Energy East pipeline in his city and remains ambivalent about the

project as whole.

There are mayors in the pro-pipeline camp who are not from Saskatchewan and Alberta — the two provinces whose oil industry needs access to a coast — but their support tends to be more tentative than the opposition of some of their mayoral colleagues.

Quebec City's Régis Labeaume gave his support in principle to the Energy East pipeline last week. In the same breath, though, he said TransCanada had proven inept at addressing the environmental concerns arising from the project.

Mel Norton, the mayor of Saint John, N.B., where some of the oil delivered by the pipeline would be refined, also supports Energy East, but his municipal council wants more definitive answers from TransCanada as to its benefits for the region.

Canada has hit upon defining issues that have pitted region against region in the past. Think of the National Energy Program in the early '80s, the 1988 free-trade agreement with the United States — opposed by Ontario but supported by Quebec and Alberta — and three divisive constitutional rounds. But none of those discussions engaged Canada's municipal politicians in the way that this one does.

No mayor holds a veto over a pipeline, but it will be hard to secure a social licence for any project absent more support from the political leaders who are closest to the day-to-day life of so many voters.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD metroview

### The media is two-faced when it comes to sexual assault

If you are sexually assaulted, you can have your day in the media, and then have your day in court.

But if you want a conviction, your first call should probably be to a lawyer.

Watching the first two days of Jian Ghomeshi's trial, which resumes today, it seems the press will work against you in the court.

Marie Henein, Ghomeshi's lawyer, made hay from every detail in every statement the first witness made — in four media interviews and to police — that did not line up, just so, with her chief testimony in court on Monday.

It's not clear what the inscrutable Justice William Horvath thought, but to the gallery it appeared as if Henein, while never explicitly challenging that Ghomeshi punched the woman in the head three times, systematically shredded her credibility.

At this point, avoiding the courts, as many of Ghomeshi's accusers have, seems the more judicious move.

Not only have they had their stories heard by the country, they got results. Ghomeshi lost his job. The CBC endured a scathing inquiry into management's culpability in a caustic work environment at Q, Ghomeshi's show. Ontario launched a high-profile, \$41-million anti-sexual-assault campaign.

It's a rare reckoning that

only happens if you have a Ghomeshi-calibre celebrity as your alleged abuser. And even then — people who sexually assault people should be convicted. Ironically, media interviews can undermine that.

"It's not that you're set up to fail," Jacob Jesin, the witness's lawyer, told me yesterday.

"It's that every statement you make, outside of being in your lawyer's offices, is fodder for cross-examinations."

It seems highly likely that anyone telling a story would alter some aspects along the way, but in court, there is little room for memory's foibles or the slow recollection of details, like whether the witness was wearing hair extensions. Pile up enough seemingly small deviations, and the story begins to take on water. In fact, the best way to seem reliable on the witness stand seems to be to actually have a script and, to use Jesin's words, "Stick to it."

Not only have the witness's comments to the media given the defence ample ammunition, but the press — a sympathetic listener when the witness first came forward — will tell your difficult story and also print your bikini shot.

Today is expected to start with a request from members of the media to publish the bikini photo the witness sent Ghomeshi in 2004. Their "public interest" cuts both ways.

#### THE MICROTREND: A whiter shade of male



The artist Andy Warhol once wrote, "When you've got grey hair, every move you make seems 'young' and 'spry.'" Perhaps, then, the pressures of modern life have millennial men feeling their age already, because stars such as former One Direction member Zayn Malik, 23, and vlogger Tyler Oakley, 26, are leading the trend toward pastel-grey locks for younger guys. It's a toned-down version of the frosted-metallic look for women, and a black-and-white reversal of the fad from just a few years ago. Back then, middle-aged men flocked to salons in droves to "reshade" (never "colour," that's for women) their greying tresses in hopes of competing with the young and energetic talent hitting an atrophied job market. SOURCE: THE NEW YORK TIMES

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While almost 80 per cent of Canadians drink, many are unaware of the health risks associated with alcohol consumption, says country's chief public health officer Dr. Gregory Taylor.

# Martel on faith, love and iPhones

## BOOKS

### Living with loss in The High Mountains of Portugal

**Melita Kuburas**  
Metro | Canada



When bad things happen in life, how do we react? To whom do we turn for help?

In his new book *The High Mountains of Portugal*, Yann Martel dissects moments of human suffering post-tragedy — not to explore how his characters overcome, or succumb to, their loss, but to find out how they *live* with it?

“I wanted to start with people who have lost something very, very precious, and where they go from there,” Martel says. “When it gets bad — what do you do, what do you reach for?”

First we meet Tomás who, one by one, within the span of a week, loses his son, his lover, his father. His heart unravels. He tries to protect himself from further assault by walking in reverse; facing the elements with the toughness of his back. He then sets off in search of a treasure hidden in a village church, located in Portugal's mountain range, not on foot but driving his rich uncle's car — a new technology in the early 1900s, one that he hates and doesn't really know how to use.

In the book's Part 2, we meet Euse-

bio Lozora, a pathologist who gets a strange visit from a widow on New Year's 1939. She wants an autopsy, but not to find out how her husband died. “I want to know how he lived,” she insists.

More than 40 years later, in the book's Part 3, Canadian senator Peter Tovy is frustrated with his broken family and becomes enamoured with an ape at a chimpanzee sanctuary in Oklahoma. He buys Odo and goes with his new gargantuan pet (nay, friend) to live in the same village in Portugal, Tuizelo, which connects all three stories.

Much like the plucky teenage protagonist in *Life of Pi*, Martel's Booker Prize-winning bestseller, the grieving characters in *High Mountains* find solace in what the author describes as a “curious phenomenon called faith.”

It's a subject Martel is intrigued by, even though it's become unusual in many social circles to talk about God and religion in any way that's not underlined with cynicism.

## BIBLIOTHERAPY

**In 2007, Yann Martel began sending Stephen Harper books he thought the then-prime minister should read. What would he send to Justin Trudeau?**

“I did that to Harper because I thought he needed betterment. I saw a man who had a dried up narrow vision — profoundly divisive, profoundly destructive. I don't see that in Trudeau.”

“We live in a time that's very inhospitable to other-dimensional talk,” he says. “It's against the ethos of our times to believe in airy-fairy things called gods.”

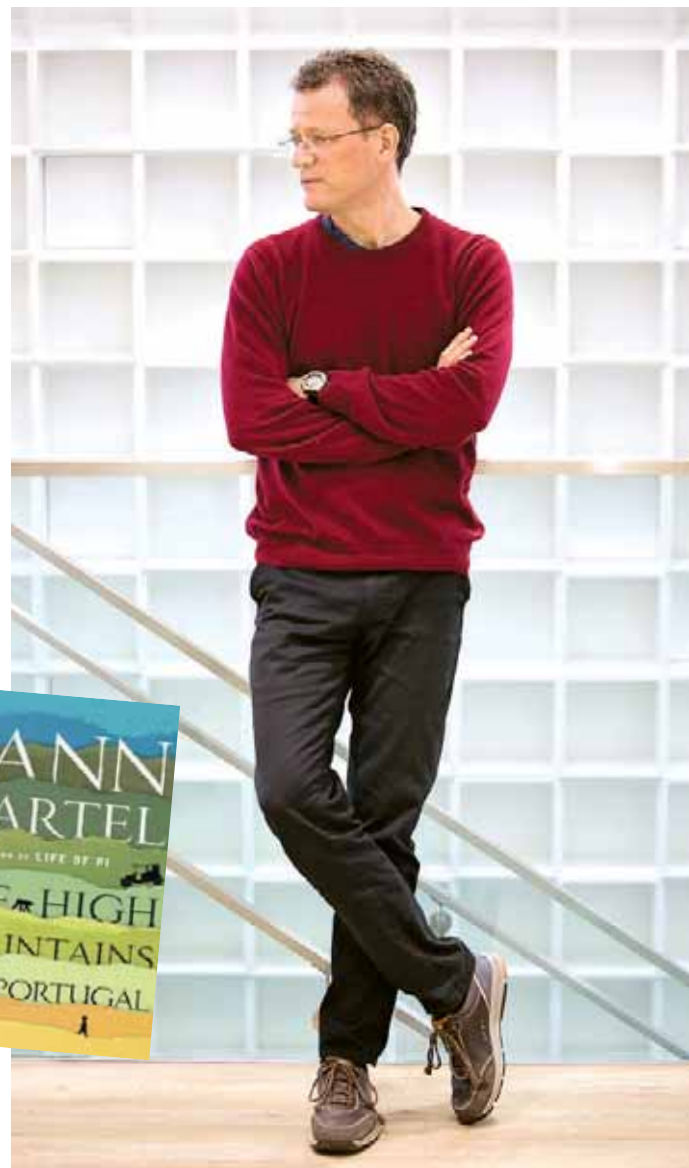
It's easier to talk about things that are tangible, that can be explained. Technology, for instance, which the author speaks about favourably though he has his misgivings, perhaps in the same way the villagers in *High Mountains* are suspicious of Tomás's automobile.

His iPhone, Martel says, allows him to Facetime with his wife and children currently away in England, communicating across the Atlantic, for free. But the device is only useful if you have someone to talk to. In the end, technology is not going to save anyone from the inevitable.

“The person who believes in nothing but a chemical, material reality, confronted with suffering, has very few tools to deal with that,” he says.

“A lot of stuff we derive through our senses. Faith goes beyond that, you know — why you fall in love with one person or one hockey team... there's no real sense to it. Why I love India and am indifferent to another country; why I like Italian food and less so Chinese food — there's no logic to that. But that's who I am.”

In other words, when we let go of our rationality, we open the door for magic.



Just this week, Yann Martel released his new book, *The High Mountains of Portugal*. He will tour across Canada in March. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO CANADA

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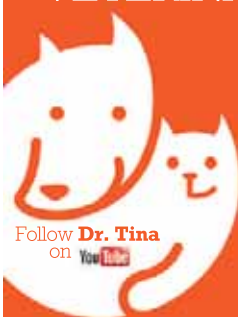
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# The ones who came before

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

### Exploring insecurities surrounding partners' pasts

Sue Carter  
For Metro Canada



Years ago, Leanne Shapton was hanging out at her boyfriend's when she noticed he still had photos of his ex-girlfriend in the apartment.

It's an uncomfortable scenario that would make anyone jealous or even suspicious, but the New York-based author-illustrator turned those dark emotions into *Was She Pretty?*, a graphic novel that explores the natural impulse to seek out the personal details of those who came before us in our relationships. Published 10 years ago, the book is now available in paperback for the first time with the venerable comics publisher, Drawn & Quarterly.

"I was fascinated by other's people's experiences and what they did when they confronted

their own jealousy," Shapton recalls. Using her friends' and her own experiences — plus many she imagined or were inspired by vintage photos — Shapton drew a series of pen-and-ink portraits of former lovers, accompanied by captions such as "Jacob's parents adored his ex-girlfriend Cynthia" and "Shane's ex-girlfriend was a child prodigy."

Some of the descriptions are pithy and fun, while others are uncomfortably intimate — exactly the kind of details that can drive one crazy.

"Jealousy is a bad feeling, and yet I didn't want to say, 'Here's how you get over it.' It's definitely not a self-help book. It's a wal-

lowing book, if anything," Shapton says. "These things get under your skin metaphorically."

A decade ago when *Was She Pretty?* first came out, Twitter was just in its infancy and Instagram hadn't been invented yet. While Shapton's book doesn't deal at all with how social media has become a handy tool for those looking to cyber-stalk exes, she acknowledges it's affected how we perceive ourselves and others.

"I think that makes for your imagination about what you don't know about people to get even more inflamed and to grow even more," she says. "The book is much more about the assumption that people come and go in your lives."

Other than a new cover design and the ink colour, which

Shapton (pictured) fleshes out partners' former relationships, real and imagined. CONTRIBUTED

Shapton describes as a "really, really dark red, almost like dried blood," the contents of *Was She Pretty?* have not altered from the first edition. Shapton, on the other hand, has observed changes in her own attitude toward the green-eyed monster. Growing up in Toronto, Shapton was a competitive swimmer, an experience she chronicled in her 2012 illustrated book *Swimming Studies*.

"Ten years out, my competitive streak has blunted, so it's fun to look back at this more competitive version of myself," she says. "I'm a much less jealous person because of all the experience I have now. But it's still such a fresh thing. It can flare up, like a rash."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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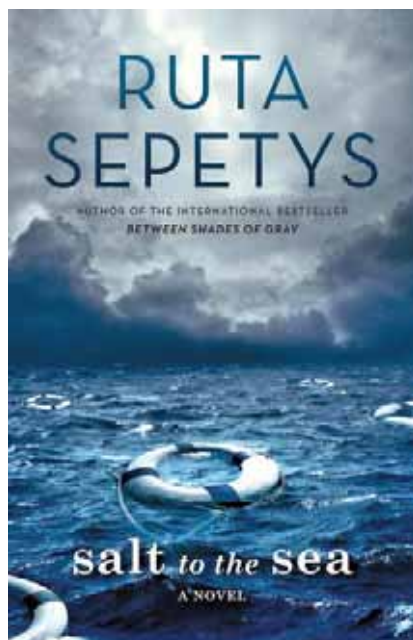
From a swashbuckling love story set in Syria in the time of Richard the Lionheart, to two '90s English girls struggling with ties to the Holocaust, these historical novels will keep readers intrigued **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

**1 Salt to the Sea**

*Salt to the Sea* (Philomel Books, \$24.99) is described by its publisher as "Between Shades of Gray meets *Titanic*" — a reference to author Ruta Sepetys' own bestselling book and the film epic. It's the end of the Second World War, and, in East Prussia, German troops are retreating from the Russians and thousands of refugees are fleeing for their lives. Among them are three souls, Joana, Emilia and Florian, desperate to reach the former cruise ship, *Wilhelm Gustloff*, now in the Baltic Sea. They make it.

But the war-ravaged tragedy of their lives continues when the Russians torpedo the massive ship and tens of thousands of people fight to survive.

The story, based on the true-life sinking of the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, is told through alternating voices, each unfolding story requiring its own box of Kleenex.

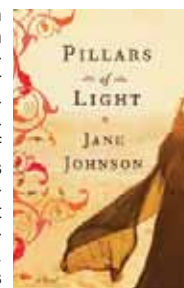
**2 The Other Me**

Author Saskia Sarginson's *The Other Me* (Flatiron Books, \$29.99) moves back and forth in time between past and present. Here, she takes us from Germany in the 1930s, just as Nazism is taking hold, to England in the 1990s where we meet characters who are linked to Germany's fascist past. The story introduces us to two German brothers, one who dedicated himself to the Fuhrer and the other who refused. Years later in separate cities in England, two young girls struggle with their guilt and shame over what their fathers may have done during the Holocaust.

**3 Pillars of Light**

Jane Johnson has given her readers another swashbuckling adventure saga of West meets East in *Pillars of Light* (Doubleday Canada, \$24.95). This time, it's with a story that knits stories of young lovers from the Syrian city of Akka (the Arabic name for Acre) with Englishmen who join Richard the Lionheart's army and ride to free the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem from Saladin and his "infidels."

It is an epic tale of romance between a Jewish doctor and a Muslim woman in Akka, amidst the fear that grips the city when Lionheart's army sets up the longest and cruelest siege of its time.

**4 River of Ink**

*River of Ink* (Bloomsbury, \$24.99), set in Sri Lanka in 1215, is the perfect winter book for readers who wish to lose themselves in warm breezes and perfumed gardens.

London-born writer Paul M.M. Cooper has crafted a delicious tale of love and palace intrigue that centres on court poet Asanka, who learns that the power of his pen is truly stronger than the sword. A benevolent king dies and Asanka, friend to the dead ruler, is left writing poetry for a new and vicious monarch, Kalinga Magha. Fearful for his life and that of his love, a beautiful servant girl, he agrees to translate an ancient Sanskrit text for the tyrant Magha.



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# Love and intrigue

INTERVIEW

**British writer uses plot twists and slow reveals in London Spy**

**Ned Ehrbar**

Metro | Hollywood



British writer Tom Rob Smith makes his first foray into writing for television with the twisting, mysterious London Spy, about a young Londoner named Danny (Ben Whishaw), who meets Alex, a reserved math genius. The two become lovers, then Alex disappears and Danny discovers he was a spy — and Danny is being framed for his murder. Danny's ensuing hunt for the truth leads to British intelligence giant MI6.

**Your first work, Child 44, was a novel adapted into a movie. How did making a TV series change your approach?**

With the novel it was just a case of you believe in it, you go away and you write it and then you find a world for it. And this was kind of similar. I



**Ben Whishaw plays a young Londoner trying to solve the mystery of his lover's murder.** HANDOUT

didn't have any TV experience, I hadn't written an original drama before, but I knew that I wanted to tell the story and I knew it was TV. I knew it wasn't film, and I also knew it wasn't a book. It's like first-person narrative through the eyes of the main character, played by Ben Whishaw.

**What about getting into the MI6, mystery part of something like this?**

There were two central mys-

teries at the heart of it, which is No. 1, what happened. Was he murdered or was he actually involved in these sexual practices and did he go wrong? That's the first question, and the second one was who was he? Often in these stories, the lover is kind of a fixed point, unchanging throughout the whole thing. But I wanted that character to change across the series, for in this investigation that Ben goes on, he would get closer to the person.

**JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## American Idol's final act is full of beauty

**THE SHOW:** American Idol, Season 15

**THE MOMENT:** The Final Auditions



**The American Idol judges have found an engaging banter in their final season of the show.** CONTRIBUTED

Crackling with craziness, a young woman bounds into the audition room and announces to judges Jennifer Lopez, Harry Connick, Jr. and Keith Urban, "I'm 23 years old and I'm a singing nomad."

Lopez, who moves through life looking permanently air-brushed, says, "I could never do that."

"You couldn't sleep outside?" Connick asks her. "You could build a shelter out of your assistants."

"That would work," Lopez replies (she knows who she is).

The crackling girl, who can't sing, looks bewildered. The judges dismiss her. But nicely.

The awareness that this is American Idol's final season has reinvigorated everyone.

The contestants are fresh-

er. The panellists, nestled in their niches — Urban feels the music, Lopez is the mama (sweet and stern), and Connick is both cutup and musical sophisticate — have found an engaging banter.

AI has always been about hope, kids from nowhere dreaming of stepping through a magic door into a bigger, better life.

In the Simon Cowell years, there were two ways that hope could go: terrible singers were mocked for their delusion while credible candidates were moved along in a hard-nosed manner until their story had been exploited fully.

Thankfully, the show has mellowed as it's matured.

The current judges are as much about making music as they are about selling it. They're attuned to the place songs hold in people's lives.

When they talk about connecting to a song, and connecting through a song, they mean it. They're looking for that lump in the throat. And that makes great TV.

American Idol airs Wednesdays 8 p.m. on Yes TV and Fox.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



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**What:** University Studios  
**Builder:** Podium Developments and Building Capital  
**Architect:** Wallman Architects  
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**Suites:** SmartStudios concept  
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# Is the GTA housing market mimicking Vancouver?

**Bryan Tuckey**  
For Metro Canada



In the GTA, 2015 was a year of strong sales for new homes and condominiums and a year of record-breaking prices.

Demand for new homes in the GTA remained strong because the region continues to grow by up to 100,000 people each year.

One of the highest volume sales year in the last decade, last year saw 41,295 new homes purchased.

Sales were up slightly from 2014 and up 13 per cent from the 10-year average of 36,543.

Prices of new homes reached new heights in 2015.

Low-rise home prices increased by more than \$100,000 in just 12 months.

The average price of a detached home reached \$991,156 in December, a new all-time high.

For many buyers, especially first-time buyers, high-rise condominiums are becoming

the only new housing option that is affordable.

The home building and development industry continues to innovate and find ways to keep condominium prices within the reach of first-time purchasers.

In the face of escalating land prices and other costs including government fees and changes, they are doing this by maximizing living space and reducing the overall size of suites.

So while the average price per square foot of new high-rise homes hit an all-time high of \$584 in December, the average price of a suite actually decreased slightly.

In December the average price of a new high-rise condo unit was \$453,083, down from \$454,476 a year ago.

At the same time, the average suite size decreased from 816 square feet to 775 square feet.

Escalating prices are a function of supply and demand.

While demand for low-rise has remained strong, the GTA

faces a constrained supply of new low-rise homes coming to market due to a lack of serviced developable land.

This significantly affects housing choice for new-home buyers and has made purchasing low-rise homes increasingly challenging.

Some experts believe that the GTA is following in the footsteps of Greater Vancouver.

A recent study found constrained supply of serviced land designated for development has reduced the supply of new low-rise homes across Vancouver while demand has not disappeared.

Therefore demand for ground related has outpaced supply and prices have surged.

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# Four Wellesley-area buildings to watch

## CONDO TRENDS

### Area seeing unprecedented amount of excavation

**Duncan McAllister**  
For Metro Canada



Dig baby, dig!

That's the meme surrounding the Wellesley Street subway station in downtown Toronto these days. An unprecedented amount of excavation is feverishly underway to create a new condo corridor on this section of Yonge Street south of Bloor to College Street.

This week we look at four major condo projects, all within a block of each other, that have broken ground about the same time and are simultaneously under construction.

The location makes sense for condos. This bustling corner has a walk score of 100 and a transit score of 98. The newly-animated Yonge Street promises to offer a wide selection of shopping and services.

#### 1 11 Wellesley by Lanterra, 11 Wellesley St.

Lanterra Developments has been active on this block, with two mammoth projects underway. 11 Wellesley occupies a huge parcel of land just west of Yonge. The project has a sculptural design inspired by Finnish modern architect, Alvar Aalto.

The residential floors above the podium are designed as a series of terraces to make a graceful transition from the



50 Wellesley will feature 365 units with a sky lobby and an outdoor pool. CONTRIBUTED

adjoining 1.6-acre park. Construction crews are currently excavating a giant pit to place the footings and parking levels of the 60-storey tower with 739 suites.

#### 2 Teahouse by Lanterra, 501 Yonge St.

The culture and design traditions of Asia are the inspiration for this new landmark building set to rise from the corner of Yonge and Maitland. Teahouse is the first of two towers that will reach 52 storeys with a retail podium.

A strip of seedy stores has finally been laid to rest on the east side of Yonge between Maitland and Alexander, and construction is underway.

#### 3 Totem by Worsley Urban Partners, 17 Dundonald St.

Designed by RAW architects,

Totem promises to transform this pocket of Yonge and Wellesley with contemporary cubist architecture in a series of stacked boxes.

Slated for completion later this year, the 18-storey structure has a direct connection underground to the Wellesley subway. The TTC is currently excavating a section of Dundonald to create a second entrance to the subway platform.

#### 4 50 at Wellesley Station by Plaza, 50 Wellesley St.

As the name says, its located adjacent the Wellesley subway station. The 38-storey tower with a five-storey podium is a new development designed by Quadrangle Architects.

The building will feature 365 units with a sky lobby on the second floor, a fitness centre and an outdoor swimming pool.

## LEGAL MATTERS

### Shell out for your own inspection

**Jeffrey Cowan**  
For Metro Canada



**Q: We have recently purchased our first home which is a century old home in a very hot real estate market, in which we looked for over a year and were bid out of several potential homes. Upon moving in and under closer inspection we have found that there is mould in a small portion of the basement that was covered with boxes and there is a small leak in the roof over the kitchen sink. Neither of these problems**

**were divulged by the vendor and we're wondering what our remedies are under these circumstances? The vendor is denying any knowledge of these problems.**

A: I spoke with this reader and found out that they relied upon the listing home inspection to assure them they were getting a solid home.

The problem with this is that the contract and therefore the ensuing reliance on the report is between the vendor and the home inspector, not the purchasers.

Perhaps the buyer could claim misrepresentation but

when I questioned him about the extent of the problem, the potential damages are in the area of \$300 to \$500.

This is certainly within the jurisdiction of small claims court and typically you won't recover all of your legal costs if you were to hire a lawyer to assist you with this case. You could easily spend that amount just pursuing your legal remedy.

If you need to rely on a home inspection — especially when purchasing a 100-year-old home — you should spend the money to get your own inspection, or suffer the consequences when a problem arises.

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# Babcock not one to revel in reaching milestone

MAPLE LEAFS

## Bench boss to coach 1,000th game Thursday against Devils

Steve Yzerman always knew Mike Babcock was a solid, well-prepared coach. That much was obvious when Yzerman, then captain of the Red Wings, would play the Anaheim Ducks, the first National Hockey League team Babcock coached.

But Yzerman discovered a whole lot more about Babcock when the Wings hired him. Babcock thought about the game differently than others.

"He's the first coach that instructed us — in the defensive zone — to use the slot," said Yzerman, now the general manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning. "Pass the puck to the slot. We'd always been taught never pass the puck to the slot. But that's where there was open ice."

"He was right. Now you see all teams do that. He was the first coach that I know that did that."

Babcock will coach his 1,000th game in the NHL on Thursday night. It is a milestone few have reached — Babcock is the 25th in league history — but it will be a muted celebration at the Air Canada Centre,



On top of his success in the NHL, which includes winning a Stanley Cup, Mike Babcock has coached Team Canada to gold at the Olympics. GETTY IMAGES FILE

during a timeout.

It is fitting with the coach's character, for one thing. And, let's be honest, Babcock hasn't been here that long and hasn't won much in Toronto.

"The whole thing about longevity is you did a good job and somebody hired you," Babcock said. "If you don't keep doing a good job, someone else is going to have your job. What I found as a coach is if you embrace

life-long learning and try to get better each day, you end up having a choice to stay where you are a little bit longer."

It will be Babcock's 50th game behind the Toronto bench, which puts him just 26th among the list of 39 men credited by hockey-reference.com with being Leafs coach for at least one game. He will be three ahead of George Armstrong and eight ahead of Peter

Horachek, the man he replaced.

"When you start in the league, you say to yourself you'd like to make the year," Babcock said. "There's only 30 of you. I don't know if you noticed, but they get rid of you fast. Over time, as you get established in the league, it's about winning."

"You're trying to be the best. I want to be the best coach in my generation. Guys are making it hard for you. Q (Chicago



**Ultimately what's most important is what the players do while they're wearing the sweater.**

Brendan Shanahan upon the team unveiling its new logo

coach Joel Quenneville) is making it hard for you. (L.A. Kings coach) Darryl Sutter is making it hard for you."

Arizona coach Dave Tippett passed the 1,000-game mark as a coach on Tuesday. Columbus coach John Tortorella should get there by the end of the season.

"Any time anyone gets to 1,000, that's special," Leafs forward Joffrey Lupul said. "It takes talent first of all. He's done a good job where he's been coaching, or they would have shipped him out of there. It also takes a lot of dedication to put that much time at the rink every day. It shows."

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BLUE JAYS

## Full dirt infield confirmed for dome

The Toronto Blue Jays' infield is getting an upgrade.

The team announced Wednesday they'll begin installing a regulation dirt infield at Rogers Centre next week that will be ready for the 2016 regular season.

The work will involve excavation of the cement floor at the stadium in the base path and infield areas to a depth of 30.48 centimetres and will impact an area of approximately 1,115 square metres. Layers of gravel, sand and clay will be inlayed in the excavated areas to ensure proper moisture content and conditions suitable to a major-league playing surface.

"This will both improve the surface for the players and also enhance the atmosphere of the stadium for our fans," senior vice president Stephen Brooks said in a release.

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## BAT FLIP

Jose Bautista's infamous bat flip is being commemorated on a baseball card. Topps introduced its 2016 Series 1 card set and the slugger's official card showcases an image of the emphatic bat flip from Game 5 of the American League Division Series as its backdrop.

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# Manning may take a sunset walk like Elway

## SUPER BOWL

### Winning big one would give Peyton same perfect sendoff

The last time the world saw John Elway in a Broncos uniform, he was facing the stands, both hands aloft, holding his helmet in his left hand, and his right hand clenched into a tight, celebratory fist.

He flashed that toothy smile, knowing that a few minutes later, he would be cradling his second Super Bowl trophy.

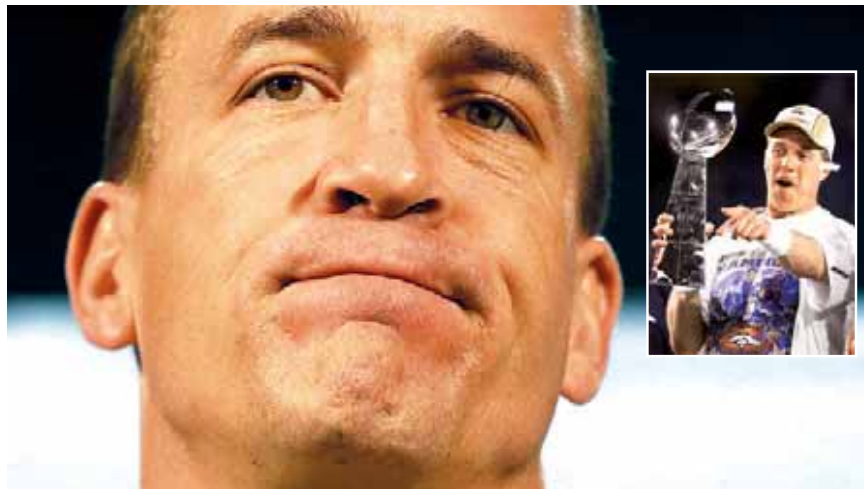
He went out on top. No matter what happened after that — and Elway has gone on to accomplish plenty — his last meaningful moments on a football field had resulted in a victory in the biggest game of all.

"It's a very nice thing to have," Elway said this week, "knowing you can always look back and have a real positive thought."

Now, Elway runs the team he used to play for. In 2012, he signed Peyton Manning, who, at 39, is even older than Elway was when he played his last game in 1999. And now, it's Manning who could be taking that same walk into the sunset. He has a chance to win his second Super Bowl, peel off his white Broncos jersey and never come back.

By the accounts of both men, the topic of Manning's retirement has not been broached.

It's hard to think those con-



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning speaks to reporters prior to the big game Sunday. (Inset) John Elway lifts the Vince Lombardi in 1998. BOTH IMAGES THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

versations won't pick up steam over the next few weeks.

Manning has already told Patriots coach Bill Belichick, in a not-so-private exchange at mid-field two weeks ago, that this might be his last rodeo. He has refused to expand on that.

"We haven't talked about anything past Sunday," said Manning's brother, Eli. "We kept it on this week, the last few weeks, but nothing past the game."

When the game is over, Peyton will have an all-star lineup from which to glean advice. It includes brother Eli, of course; their father, Archie, who spent 14 years in the NFL; their brother, Cooper. And Elway. Chances are, Manning will be seeking what

### It's a very nice thing to have.

John Elway on winning Super Bowl in his final game.

Elway sought when he went to his father, Jack, a longtime scout and personnel man, after the second Super Bowl title.

"I was fortunate to be able to talk to my dad about what he thought," Elway said. "Because I didn't want it to be different than what I was seeing and what I was feeling."

The signs of Elway's slowdown toward the end were visible — he missed four starts in 1998 with

hamstring, rib and other injuries. "Physically, I was breaking down a little bit," Elway said.

But the ravages of age on him weren't as glaring as what Manning has displayed at times this season. "I feel I can still move the chains," Manning said. "Maybe in different ways. It's being able to adjust."

If he leads Denver to a victory against Carolina on Sunday, Manning's ability to set aside the glow of winning the title, and to listen to candid advice, will set the framework for his decision. His inner-circle's ability to give it to him straight will be every bit as important for the quarterback, whose contract extends through next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## CFL

### Argos GM has fond memories of the XFL

The XFL made a lasting impression on Jim Barker in its one season of existence.

The spring league, the brainchild of controversial wrestling guru Vince McMahon, began its inaugural season Feb. 3, 2001. Barker, the Toronto Argonauts GM, earned a championship ring as the Los Angeles Xtreme's offensive co-ordinator while also discovering a head coach in waiting.

The Xtreme's backup quarterback that year was none other than Argos head coach Scott Milanovich, the first player taken in the 2001 XFL draft. Milanovich played sparingly behind league MVP Tommy Maddox, but according to Barker he was instrumental to Los Angeles's success.

"Tommy had a great year but Scott had a lot to do with that," Barker said Wednesday, the 15th anniversary of the

**Tommy (Maddox) had a great year but Scott (Milanovich) had a lot to do with that.**

Argos GM Jim Barker

XFL's debut. "He would simplify things and make it so easy for Tommy."

"Even though he didn't play much he was so valuable as a backup and a guy who could have a great relationship with Tommy and basically kick off his coaching career."

Barker first met Milanovich the night before the Xtreme's mini-camp and knew immediately he was destined to become a coach.

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## IN BRIEF

### Late Barkley double deepens Newcastle's woes

Ross Barkley converted two late penalties to add to the opening goal from winger Aaron Lennon, as Everton defeated troubled Newcastle 3-0 to collect a first league win since Dec. 26.

In the only other Premier League match, sustained late pressure failed to yield a goal for Chelsea in a 0-0 draw at Watford, which kept the champions unbeaten under interim coach Guus Hiddink, but they remain in 13th place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Sabres overcome ailing Habs with strong 3rd period

Jamie McGinn and Johan Larsson scored in the opening goal from winger Aaron Lennon, as Everton defeated troubled Newcastle 3-0 to collect a first league win since Dec. 26.

Marcus Foligno and Brian Gionta, into an empty net, also scored for Buffalo (21-26-4), which played its first game since the all-star break. The Sabres, last in the Atlantic Division, are 6-4-0 in their last 10 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# RECIPE Pasta with Peas and Green Onion



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- Juice of half a large lemon
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh mint, plus more for garnish

## Directions

**1.** Bring a large pot of salted water to boil over medium heat. Once boiling, add the pasta and cook 7 to 11 minutes, or until al dente. Drain the pasta and pour into a large bowl.

**2.** Mix pasta with peas, onions and feta. In a small bowl, whisk olive oil, lemon juice and mint. Drizzle dressing over pasta and toss throughout. Sprinkle pasta with another teaspoon of fresh, chopped mint and serve.

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## Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Total time: 30 minutes  
**Serves 4 to 6**

## Ingredients

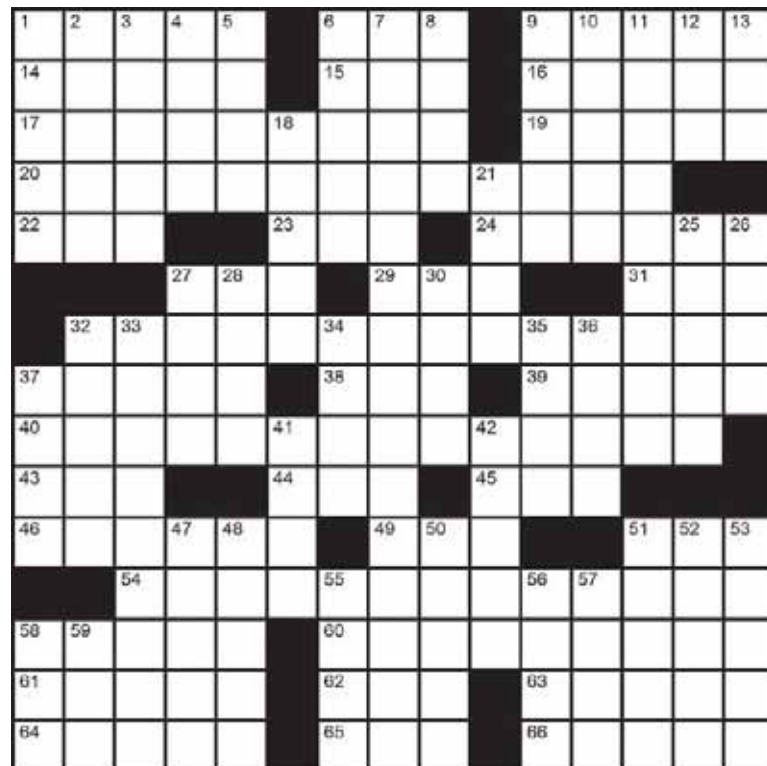
- 500g rigatoni pasta
- 2 cups fresh or frozen peas, cooked and drained
- 1 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese
- 1 bunch green onions (about 4), sliced

# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

- Large amounts
- ...la-la
- Mr. Baron Cohen
- Song line
- CD...
- Like some verbs, for short
- As per #32-Across... Bonhomme's grand home in his fantastically frigid kingdom: 2 wds.
- Canadian guitarist Ms. Boyd
- Fast food utensils: 2 wds.
- French seasoning
- Company name abbr.
- Medieval fief holder
- Non-verbal communication syst.
- Be in debt
- "...! \_ cut myself!" (Veggie chopper's cry)
- Annual event since 1955 currently underway in Quebec City: 2 wds.
- Breadcrumbs of Japan
- "O" of OLP
- Had that burger: 2 wds.
- Hit for Joe Cocker that goes "Baby let me be / 'Cause you don't care...": 3 wds.
- "Not impressed."
- "Yuck!"
- Hardy animal
- A \_ (Theoretical thinking)
- Big Apple news-



paper [acronym]  
51. Help  
54. According to the bio of Bonhomme (the mascot of #32-Across), it's his dream to eliminate this in the world: 2 wds.  
58. Celebrity chef Ms. De Laurentiis

60. Emotionally cleansing  
61. "When does \_ lighter out again?" (Hoping-for-Spring query)  
62. Dernier \_ (Latest fashion)  
63. Metamorphosis-izer

64. Shrek's beloved  
65. Mr. Cobb, and others  
66. Hamilton = \_ City

## DOWN

- Undergarments worn with dresses
- Recurring pro-

cess  
3. Expanse-related  
4. Plunges  
5. "Vamoosel!"  
6. Stretch of land  
7. "The Last Waltz" (1978) directed by Martin Scorsese and starring The Band: 2 wds.  
8. "Indeed!"

- Region's forest trees
- Ram's sign
- ... artists (Singers such as Taylor Swift)
- Farm bird
- Palindromic honorific
- City in northern France
- Folkie band, Bon \_
- Anticipate
- Lively tune
- Ancient Egyptian cross
- Ancient col-onnade
- Cautious
- Decliner
- Visiting the Windy City: 2 wds.
- Rice-A- \_
- Scot's negatives
- "Take \_ a sign."
- Shoe style
- "Correct me \_ wrong, but..."
- Submarine entrance
- ... days
- Lasso
- Abominable snowmen
- Cavern
- "Okay, \_ up already, what's the answer?"
- Sticker
- Bank \_
- Mr. Holbrook's
- Smell \_ (Be suspicious)
- Picture file extension
- "Lord, is \_?" (Last Supper question)

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
They say opposites attract and someone who's as different from you as possible will get your pulse racing. You'll recover your senses quickly, but it could be the love of your life.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Stick to tried and trusted ways, even if some may say it's old-fashioned. Not everything old is wrong and at least you get things done, which is more than can be said for some!

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Don't worry if you find yourself in a minority of one. Being the kind of person who stands out from the crowd, it is inevitable that you will be criticized by those who would prefer everyone to think and act alike.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Someone needs your support and a shoulder to cry on. Do what you can to assist them. It may be emotionally draining but you have been through this kind of scene many times before.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You are in a restless mood, unable to get comfortable in any one place. Why should that be a problem? Why should you stay still? Be adventurous. Boredom is to be avoided.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Why can't some people see sense? You will have to deal with someone whose grasp of logic is non-existent. Make your point, then get away from them as quickly as you can. You're under no obligation to stay.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
It may be hard to think straight today but it's essential if you don't want to get caught up in a big scene. You can't stop others from ranting and raving but you don't have to join in.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You may be tempted to hit back at someone who's giving you a hard time but is it a good idea? They may just be waiting for an excuse to start an open fight.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Someone you thought was a friend will show their true colours and try to convert you to their way of thinking. Let them know that in future they must only give their opinions when asked — in other words, never!

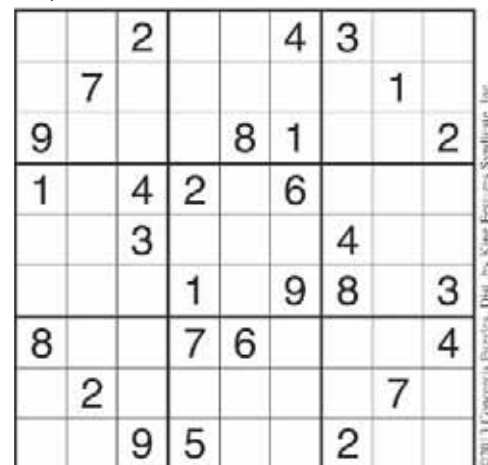
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Someone in a position of authority will get a bit emotional today. Do what you can to calm them down. Not only will they appreciate your advice but they will mark you down as someone who can be trusted.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You will have fun today but you may feel guilty because not everyone is as happy or fortunate as you. Help others get over whatever it is that is bothering them but don't let their mood bring you down.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Negative feelings may be natural but don't let them take over your life. Confront whatever it is that pains you today.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

Every row, column and box contains 1-9



## YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

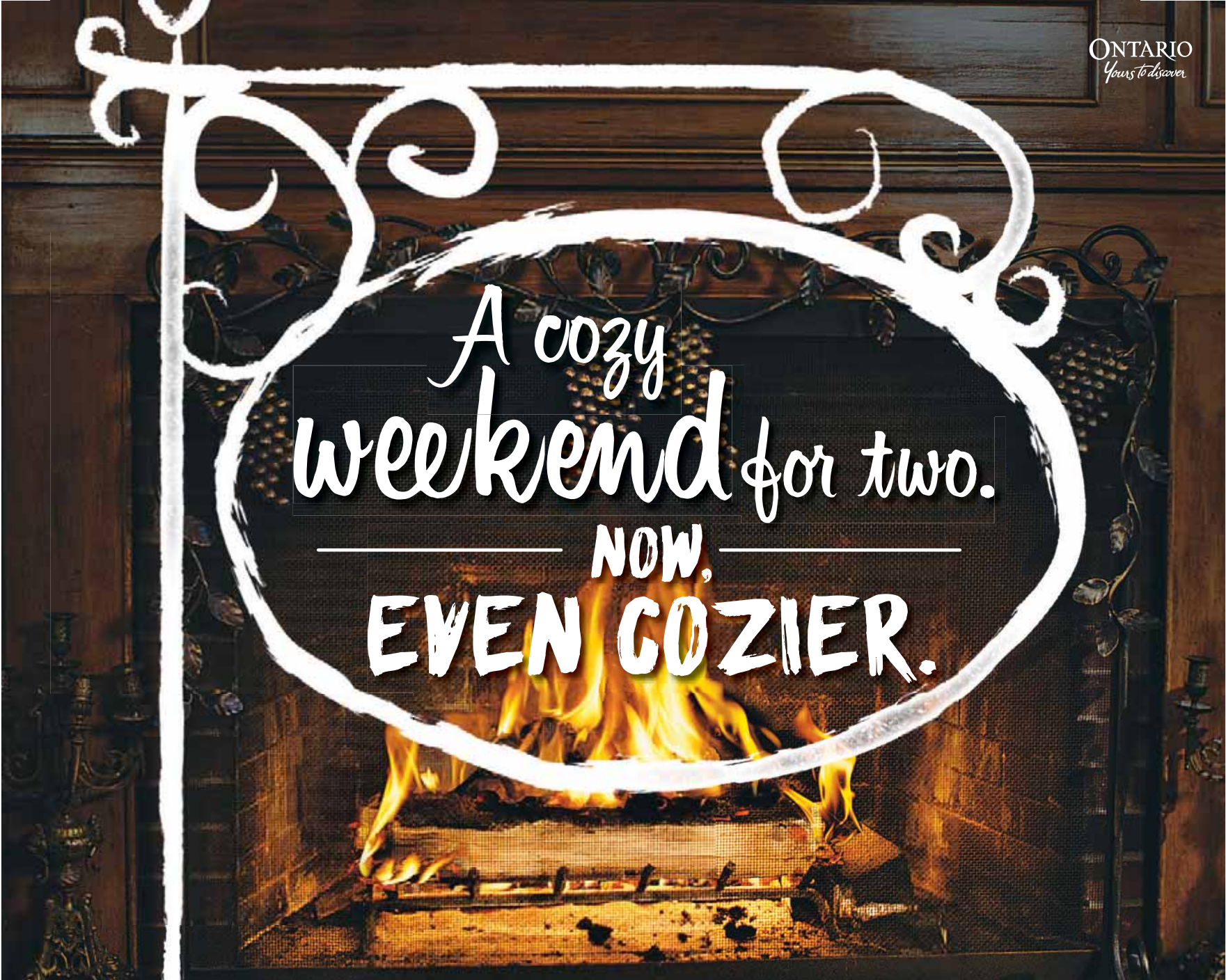
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